

Anabasis Mountaineering Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st December 2019

1. Committee Report

The members of the Committee during the year were:

| Name | Position | Dates |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| Warwick Waterworth | Chair | Jan-Dec |
| Clive Lane | Hut Warden | Jan-Dec |
| Dave Barton | Treasurer | Jan-Dec |
| Mike Morgan | Secretary | Jan-Dec |
| Chris Alston | Committee Member | Jan-Dec |
| Stan Eccles | Committee Member | Jan-Dec |
| Dave Appleton | Committee Member | Jan-Dec |
| Dave Smith | Committee Member | Jan-Dec |
| Joyce Dillon | Committee Member | Jan-Dec |

Dave Atkinson was co-opted by the Committee to assist with communications.

Method of Appointment

Committee members were elected by the members at the AGM held on 26th February 2019.

Principal Address

The Secretary
71 Hillside Road, Frodsham, WA6 6AH

Bankers

Santander

Governing Document

Constitution dated 2013

Objects of the Club

The objects of the Club shall be to encourage the pursuits of mountaineering, walking, skiing, cave exploration and fell running; to bring together men and women who are interested in these pursuits and to whatever shall be deemed by the Committee, or the Club from time to time, to be conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objectives.

Independent Examiner

Jeanette Mahar

Chair's Report

Our financial and membership situation remains sound. We are pleased to welcome a number of new members. The need to encourage the inflow of new, and especially younger, members continues and we must consider the financial implications of the BMC's having to increase subscription levels because of insurance liabilities. At present our decision to limit Hut bookings to groups of six and more continues to maintain a satisfactory balance, and we must thank our Secretary and Treasurer for their able work in achieving this.

The Club's outdoor year started with a visit to the familiar setting of the Arnold Centre in Glenridding in the Spring. A planned Hathersage camping meet in June was cancelled because of the non-availability of the site. The July Hut barbecue meet returned this year and was very successful thanks to Billy and Jan Murphy and their helpers. Some senior members visited Esther Threlfall's house near Loch Lomond in September. The usual November Penmaenmawr Fell Race and Bonfire/Hotpot meet went off very well, indeed yet again thanks to Jan Murphy as Chef, Chris Hatton as bonfire constructor and artistic designer, and to numerous helpers. The repeat December walk-plus-meal visit to Plas Hafod Hotel was again a very enjoyable gathering of old friends (though newer members would be very welcome too). The excellence of the food and booking arrangements made us grateful to Dave Atkinson for his choice of venue and thorough organisation.

A small but talkative group continues to meet at the Lion Tavern on most Tuesdays at about 9.45p.m. Anyone intending to join us would be advised to check with one of the regulars beforehand. Our previous intention to announce cancellation on the website has proved impractical because the timespan involved is often too short.

Pete Simpson has added to his long and distinguished list of athletic achievements by winning a triathlon event at Chester and thereby becoming English and European Champion (Age Group 70+) at middle-distance triathlon. Not content with this, he then raised funds for a Turkish charity by cycling from Merseyside to his second home in SW Turkey via Istanbul. We can only gasp in admiration at this continuing level of energy and commitment. Dave Appleton however is clearly following in Pete's footsteps. He was placed 14th out of a field of 85 in the extremely demanding Welsh 1,000 Metre Peaks Race and more recently finished fifth in the Penmaenmawr Fell Race. The furthest-flung venture by club members was that of Simon and Anne Letts, who did an extensive walking tour of the awesome peaks of Patagonia in February.

Sefton Veterans continue to make mid-week use of the hut and we were very pleased to learn that they have obtained funding to continue their very praiseworthy work for the next four years.

The year ended with the usual convivial get-together at the Railway Hotel. Meets have generally been well supported, blessed with reasonable weather, and often included people's young children and grandchildren. The enjoyment of these very young folk can plainly be seen in the photographic record on the website.

Especially for those of us who have known him for many years, a major event has been the publishing of George Murphy's Memoirs. These are a remarkable record of endeavour, of courage both physical and moral, and of achievement in the hills and in public service. We are privileged to have so admirable and likeable a chap as our President.

Finally, it is with regret that I announce my resignation for health reasons. I have considered it an honour to be your Chairman and have enjoyed my time on the committee; I wish the incoming Chairman and committee success. Stan Eccles is also retiring after very many years of devoted service to the club. His calm common sense and balanced judgement have been a great asset. I am very appreciative of the support of all committee members and in particular of the team, led by Clive Lane, who put so much hard work into the maintenance and booking organisation of the Hut. Dave Atkinson has put much thought and effort into posting news and photographs of the club's activities on the website and Dave Appleton's initiative in introducing the Newsletter is very welcome.

Warwick Waterworth

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended December 31st 2019

(figures rounded up/down to the nearest full £)

| | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Designated Funds | Total funds | Total Funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership Fees | 2228 | - | - | 2228 | 2470 |
| Hut Fees | 272 | - | - | 272 | 362 |
| Grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Fundraising | - | - | - | - | 74 |
| Sales (Hut hire) | 320 | - | - | 320 | 1045 |
| Lakes meet | - | - | - | - | 260 |
| Other (1) | 80 | - | - | 80 | |
| Total Receipts | 2900 | - | - | 2900 | 4229 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Hut Lease | 1239 | - | - | 1239 | 1180 |
| Rates | - | - | - | - | |
| BMC Membership | 712 | - | - | 712 | 812 |
| Hut Insurance | 351 | - | - | 351 | 335 |
| Fire Extinguishers | - | - | - | - | |
| Fire inspection | - | - | - | - | |
| Gas Inspection | - | - | - | - | 40 |
| Gas | - | - | -- | - | - |
| Liability Insurance | - | - | - | - | |
| Lakes meet | - | -- | - | - | 330 |
| Hut Maintenance/renewal | 395 | - | - | 395 | 622 |
| Website | - | - | - | - | 194 |
| Other (2) | 25 | - | - | 25 | 61 |
| Total Payments | 2722 | - | - | 2722 | 3574 |
| Net receipts/payments | - | - | - | - | 177 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash fund balances carried forward | | - | - | - | 177 |

| Balance Sheet | £ |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Bank 31.12.2018 | 3441.33 |
| Bank 31.12.2019 | 3618.59 |
| Difference | 177.26 |
| Cash fund balance carried forward +/- | 177.26 |
| Difference | - |

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31st December 2018

| | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total |
| Cash Funds | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash at bank | 3441 | - | 3441 | 3619 | - | 3619 |
| Cash in hand | 40 | - | 40 | - | - | - |
| Total cash funds | 3481 | - | 3481 | - | - | 3619 |

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Other monetary assets: | £ 0 | - |
| Investment Assets: | £ 0 | - |
| Assets retained for the Club's own use: | £ 0 | - |
| Accrued expenses: | £187.69 (3) | |
| Accrued revenue: | £175 (4) | £40 |
| Liabilities (net accruals): | -£12.69 | |
| Pre-paid income: | | £135 |
| Balance (cash funds less liabilities): | £3468 | £3346 |

Approval of the accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the meeting of the Committee held on 13.01.2019:

Date:

Name:

Signed:

On behalf of the Committee.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of accounting

The Committee have opted to prepare the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

b. Fund accounting

Funds held by the Club are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Club's objects at the discretion of the Committee.

or

Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Club. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

or

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the Committee out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

2. Grants and Donations

None

3. Restricted/Designated Funds Summary

None

4. Purpose of Restricted/Designated Funds

None

5. Committee remuneration and expenses

None

6. Related party transactions

(e.g. paying Club members to do work for the Club) None.

Notes:

1. Credit from Conway County Council.

2. Pots and pans for the Hut.

3. Cost of Fire Inspection which took place during the year but invoice not received and paid until 2020.

4. Early-paid Membership fees (£135) plus £40 cash towards Glenridding Meet.

5. The following are relevant figures culled from the Treasurer's report(s):

| Year | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|------|
| Income | | | | | | | | | |
| Hut fees (members) | 121 | 140 | 93 | 139 | 108 | 237 | 154 | 362 | 272 |
| Fees (other organisations) | 562 | 295 | 180 | 146 | 725 | 858 | 1170 (1) | 1045 | 320 |
| Totals | 683 | 435 (2) | 273 (2) | 285 (2) | 833 | 1095 | 1324 | 1407 | 592 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | | |
| Lease | 875 | 898 | 928 | 1000 | 1040 | 1080 | 1123 | 1180 | 1239 |
| Hut Insurance | 344 | 365 | 365 | 365 | 365 | 409 | 349 | 335 | 351 |
| Totals (without running costs) (3) | 1219 | 1263 | 1293 | 1365 | 1395 | 1489 | 1472 | 1515 | 1590 |
| Shortfall | 536 | 828 | 1020 | 1080 | 572 | 394 | 148 | 108 | 998 |
| % increase in usage to reach break even | 44% | 65.6% | 78.8% | 73.6% | 40.7% | 26.5% (1) | 10% | 7.13% | 63% |

Notes:

1. This figure includes £274 paid in December 2016 for Hut use in January 2017.

2. The lower income from other organisation fees in 2012, 2013, 2014 probably reflects reduced external booking while the improvement work was under way.

3. The table shows the extent to which the costs of having the Hut are covered by its use. This is a simplistic overview which omits the costs of gas, work meet materials etc. and any ongoing repairs/replacements. It shows only income received, not the number of bookings. Up to 2018 it appeared to demonstrate the benefit of having the toilet block in place. 2019, however, was a very different year, with the proportion of cost not covered by Hut usage increasing from 7.13% to 63%. This is primarily the result of a significant decline in sales (fees from external bookings) and means that Hut costs were largely borne by the Membership Fees.

Hut Warden's Report.

Our mountain hut at Garth farm is still a favourite place to go to enjoy Snowdonia in whatever pursuit one wishes. It's regularly used by members and families, but also attracts a lot of outside enquiries. We've had some magic club meets there this year. It remains in a good state of repair. There haven't been as many work meets recently but there will be some jobs to be done this year so watch this space.

I am concerned about the state of the pans and cooking gear under the kitchen benches. They look grubby and indeed are vulnerable to mouse droppings etc. I have bought some large lidded plastic boxes to keep them clean. I'll take them on my next visit.

The wood stove is on its last winter. It survives thanks to Dave Bs welding skills. We want to change it this coming year, and I'm sure that the next will last a lot longer once the chimney leak is sorted.

I investigated the water leaks down both chimney pipes through the roof. The stove chimney only leaks when there is a significant wind, so that is a slate or a cowl problem and will be sorted. Also the water heater problem is a leaking collar on the roof and this will be sealed properly as soon as possible and the roof timber checked.

Other maintenance to be done includes replacing the rotting fire door to the bunk room (Chris H has that in mind), a general clean up and painting session, gates to try to minimise the sheep poo in front of the hut. I have installed an outside tap in the extension porch so that we can hose that area down. I completed the generator room and it certainly minimises noise and vibration and keeps the machine out of the weather, but it still has exhaust problems. So the generator remains outside until that is fixed.

I have long wanted the hut to have a 12 volt system in place with a storage battery so that lights are immediate when you fiddle with the key and get your gear in during a storm and then have to start the generator outside. The 230 volt system will still be there from a generator for work meets and as a backup if batteries become discharged. Hitherto, this has been too expensive, but thanks to Mike M we have obtained solar panels and control gear that was being skipped. He is sorting out the bracketry for this installation. We still need to source some serious batteries. The project will however need AGM approval before going ahead as the panels will be very obvious on the Siabod side of the roof. I should add that Thomas Jones is very happy with this initiative.

77 Kg of propane was used since this time last year with the highest use not surprisingly between May and September. For perspective, a full cylinder contains 47 Kg. We have 110 Kg in stock so will last the winter easily.

We have come up against a problem with the storage of the propane cylinders. Mike M is an expert in this field and says they should be outside. I am inclined to follow his advice despite the gas and fire inspections recently passing our installation. We could keep them at the back of the hut on a concrete plinth and chain them to the wall. If that was near where the water heater is inside it would shorten the delivery pipe, protect the second water pipe and stop the draught through the old window there. This siting also needs approval from this AGM.

I finish with my thanks to all who have worked, advised, encouraged and contributed to our mountain hut.

Clive Lane (Hut Warden)